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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF TURKISH NATIONAL TO NUCLEAR REGULATORY
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1. EMBASSY PASSED DEC. 7 LETTER FROM MR. GOSSICK RE
PENDING MR. MERSIN APPOINTMENT TO NRC ON TO TURKISH ATOMIC
ENERGY COMMISSION (TAEC). (PLEASE NOTE FOR FUTURE CORRES-
PONDENCE THAT MR. DERINER HAS BEEN REPLACED AS ACTING SECRETARY
GENERAL OF TAEC BY MR. M. SHAIN TULUNOGLU).

2. EMBASSY WAS CALLED IMMEDIATELY BY MRS. FAHRIYE KIPER,
DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, TAEC WHO EXPLAINED THAT
TAEC HAD ASSUMED THAT NRC WOULD PAY MR. MERSIN
SALARY AND ALLOWANCE WHILE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS NRC STAFF.
KIPER SAID THAT WHILE SHE COULD FIND NO SPECIFIC MENTION IN
PAST CORRESPONDENCE AS TO WHICH ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY
MERSIN SALARY, TAEC HAD ASSUMED THAT SINCE MERSIN WOULD
BE MEMBER OF NRC STAFF AND WOULD RECEIVE NO SPECIAL
"DIVERSE EXPERIENCE" THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHARGE TO TAEC EXCEPT
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION.

3. KIPER EXPLAINED FURTHER THAT ALL PREVIOUS TAEC RECIPIENTS
OF U.S. OR EUROPEAN SPECIALIZED TRAINING HAD RECEIVED IAEA
FUNDING. TAEC HAD NOT REQUESTED THIS FOR MR. MERSIN
DUE TO ASSUMPTION IN PARA 2 ABOVE. SINCE TAEC HAD USED ITS IAEA
SLOTS, IT WAS TOO LATE TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM IAEA. FURTHERMORE,
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WHILE TAEC COULD PERHAPS PAY MR. MERSIN HIS PRESENT SALARY IN U.S.,

IT WOULD NEED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED DUE TO HIGHER LIVING COSTS IN U.S. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR TAEC TO HANDLE THIS OUT OF PRESENT BUDGET.

4. EMBASSY EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE THAT MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN NRC AND TAEC. WE REFERRED MRS. KIPER, HOWEVER, TO CORRESPONDENCE RESULTING FROM REFTEL AND TO SAMPLE NRC AGREEMENT ON CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR MR. MERSIN WHICH WERE PASSED TO MR. DERINER ON FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 11, 1976.

5. IT APPEARS THAT DUE TO TAEC MISUNDERSTANDING OF NRC CONDITIONS, MR. MERSIN MAY BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT. BEFORE SUCH A DETERMINATION IS MADE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER NRC COULD SUPPLEMENT MERSIN'S TURKISH SALARY WITH SOME PER DIEM.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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